

## CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF

and horseback. A meeting was held probably in the home of one of the organizers.

In an old church record, yellow with age, there appears on page No. 1, a carefully penned entry of great significance to each member of the Carbondale Presbyterian Church, for it records the story of organization and reads as follows:

"A number of members from Presbyterian churches in different parts of the country having settled in Carbondale, it was thought expedient to form a Presbyterian church in this place.

"A meeting was accordingly held on the 4th day of June, 1829, when it was resolved to request The Hudson Presbytery to form a church in this place.

"On the 27th day of June, 1829, the Rev. Joel Campbell appeared as a committee and organized a church to be known by the name of the Presbyterian Church of Carbondale.

"The following persons presented letters from sister churches and were admitted members of this:

- "Sylvanus Jessup.
- "Margaret Jessup.
- "Samuel Hodgdon.
- "Ann Hodgdon.
- "Eliza Townsend.
- "Thomas Sweet.
- "Gilbert Miner Lee.
- "Chapman Halsey.

"Sylvanus Jessup and Samuel Hodgdon were elected Ruling Elders of the church and set apart to that office.

"Rev. Lyman Richardson, of Susquehanna Presbytery, being present, was invited and took part in the exercises."

And on page No. 2 of this valued book of record there is the following entry:

"Sunday, June 28, 1829. Session met. Present: Rev. Joel Campbell, moderator; Sylvanus Jessup, Samuel Hodgdon.

"Opened with prayer by Brother Hodgdon.